

Work Group Meeting Record

Work Group: **Networks**

Meeting Number: **3** **Tuesday, 01 April 2008**

Members Attending: Debbie Anthes, Dave Banno, Peggy Benz, Mario Bueno, Howard Dooley, Gayle Dzekevich, Mary Lou Gentz, Jill Holloway, Sharon Hoffman, Fred MacDonald, Bernice Morris, William Morissette, Betsy Nelson, Johan Uvin, Christine Yankee.

Co-Chairs: Bernice Morris and Howard Dooley

Welcome and Recap:

Howard opened the meeting by reviewing material...

- ...distributed by email regarding the last meeting (Number 2 on 12 February)
- ...originally provided by Dr. Uvin at Meeting No. 1 on 20 February, specifically, the NWG a) Charge, b) Process and c) Catalyst Documents

Review of 12 February Meeting 2 Minutes

Jill Holloway added 4 items to the Network Component "Go Ahead" sheets:

- Add to Support Services: Learning Disability Specialist and Resource Drop-In Center
- Add to Reasons for AE Networks: Continuation of service
- Add to Other components: Shared accountability

The minutes of the 12 February meeting were then accepted.

Presentation by Fred MacDonald

East Bay Network: Initiative and Progress (PowerPoint file attached)

1. Network theory states that an organization in a value network must face both internally and externally. The NWG's focus needs to be on the less familiar "complementor" facet of external relationships.
2. Three structural network alternatives have been considered. A Contiguous Community Matrix seems most promising. The East Bay organizers will be able to deal with specifics.
3. Four of eight, major, i.e., funded East Bay providers have been contacted to date. All have agreed to participate. Fred next will solicit involvement by RIFLI (22 Apr) and RIRAL.

Discussion

What Delivery Models exist in Other States?

Should we look at what other states are doing? Specifically, to see what "lessons have been learned?" and what "pitfalls" we should avoid?

VT	One organization
WV; TX	Regional
WA	Technical Community College
RI; MA	Mixed model
FL	State-wide and state driven
CA	Uncertain; Not applicable (size)
ME	School departments
CT	Funds allocated by formula to municipalities

What Networks/Collaborations for Adult Education Exist in RI?

Blackstone Valley Adult Education Network
East Bay Adult Education Network
Libraries
netWorkri
Transition to College

Recurring Themes

1. We already enjoy much productive collaboration.
2. There are significant obstacles to collaboration.

Networking Model to Emulate for Clients (J Uvin)

Adult learner should be to adult education as
International passenger is to airline travel

Must a 100% Networking Structure Be in Place for the 2011 RFP?

No, but RIOAE must present a plan for the development one or more networks. A suggestion is to begin with 1 or 2 prototypes in 2011, and work towards full-state coverage for the 2014 RFP.

Shouldn't NWG Concentrate on Processes / Procedures?

Premise: Lack of standardization would seem to be an obstacle to sharing of resources within a network.

Demographic Information Provided by Dr. Uvin

Two sheets containing census data (attached) were presented, explained and interpreted:

If the gross theoretical target population of 177,298 (now an estimated 148,871) is adjusted to exclude the over-65 population, and if 10-12% of

this group came forward for services, an “excellent” result might be a state-wide enrollment of 15,000. This would be a doubling of today’s participation. An adequate program cost might be \$22 to \$30 million.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 07 May, from 3 – 5 p.m., at Cranston Alternate Education Center

Suggested Agenda items:

- A. General Issues / Obstacles Posed by Networking
- B. Procedural / Process Standardization